

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a mobile communication~~com~~communications node which has at least ~~two~~ a first network interface and a different second interfaces ~~network interface~~ for providing connectivity with first and second different communication~~com~~communications networks respectively, and which is receiving data from a remote corresponding node via the first communication network, in which:

in response to a trigger, generating a SIP protocol related handover request ~~is generated~~ by the mobile communication node to initiate a handover from the first communication network to the second communication network; and

on completion of the handover, setting the first network interface ~~is set to a~~ sleep mode;
and

~~the~~wherein an initiation of the sleep mode is synchronised~~synchronized~~ with ~~the~~ cessation of ~~the~~ receipt of data packets via the first communication network.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the trigger is a signal sent to the mobile communication node.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the trigger is a signal generated by the mobile communication node.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 in which the handover request is sent from the mobile communication node to the remote corresponding node via the second communication network and the initiation of the sleep mode is synchronised~~synchronized~~ with the mobile communication node receiving an acknowledgement message from the remote corresponding node.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 in which the handover request is sent from the mobile communication node to the remote corresponding node via the second communication network, ana second acknowledgement message is sent from the mobile

communication node to the remote corresponding node in response to an first acknowledgement message returned from the remote corresponding node, and the initiation of sleep mode for the first network interface is synchronisedsynchronized with the sending of the first acknowledgement message by the mobile node.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 in which the sleep mode for thea first network terminal is initiated in response to a marker in the received data stream indicating that the received data stream via the first communication network has come to an end.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1 in which one of the first and second communication networks is a UMTS network and the other is a wireless local area network.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of routing data packets in a mobile communicationcommunications system including a mobile communicationcommunications node, the mobile communication node having at least first and second different network interfaces, as claimed in any preceding claim the method comprising the steps of:

providing connectivity with first and second different communication networks;

receiving, by one of the first or second interfaces, data from a remote corresponding node via the first communication network;

in response to a trigger, generating a SIP protocol related handover request by the mobile communication node to initiate a handover from the first communication network to the second communication network;

on completion of the handover, setting the first network interface to a sleep mode such that an initiation of the sleep mode is synchronized with a cessation of a receipt of data packets via the first communication network; and

sending data packets to or receiving data packets to/from the remote corresponding node, in which such that just prior to re routing packets to the mobile communications node, the remote corresponding node is caused to mark thea data stream to indicate to the mobile communications node that the data stream via the first network has come to an end.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8 in which the remote corresponding node marks ~~thea~~ last one or a last few packets transmitted over the first communication network.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 9 in which ~~thea~~ mark for each packet is embedded in ~~thea~~ packet header field.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, 9 or 10 in which the handover request is sent from the mobile communication node to the remote corresponding node via the second communication network, an acknowledgement message is sent from the mobile communication node to the remote corresponding node in response to a message returned from the remote corresponding node and the remote corresponding node commences sending packets to the mobile communication node via the second communication network in response to the acknowledgement message.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising program code stored on a computer readable storage medium for installation in execution of a method by a mobile communicationcommunications node, which mobile node has having at least two different interfaces for providing connectivity with first and second different communicationcommunications networks, respectively, wherebythe method comprising the steps of:

when the mobile communications node is receiving data in a data stream from a remote corresponding node, performing a handover of the data stream can be handed over from one the first communication network to the other the second communication network;

setting, by the computer program product, the interface for the first communication network to a sleep mode~~the program when installed enabling the mobile node to set to sleep mode the interface for the first network wherein, following the handover to the second communication network in synchronisation~~ synchronization with ~~thea~~ cessation of ~~thea~~ receipt of data packets via the first communication network.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product as claimed in claim 12 which enables the mobile communication node to initiate the sleep mode for the first network interface in response to a marker in the received data stream indicating that the data stream via the first communication network has come to an end.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product as claimed in claim 12 which enables the mobile communication node to synchronisesynchronize initiation of the sleep mode for the first network interface with the sending of a handover acknowledgement message from the mobile communication node to the remote corresponding node.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the initiation of the sleep mode includes maintaining a network address of the mobile communication node on the first communication network.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the initiation of the sleep mode is in response to a marker in the received data stream indicating that the received data stream via the first communication network has come to an end.